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Subject: Thank You for Your Service



Dear Colleague,

With the close of 2010 nearing and 2011 on the horizon, I wanted to take a moment to express my deep gratitude for your service to the Commonwealth this year and every year.

Like thousands of other state employees, you care tremendously about the public you serve and the communities you help. You are a dedicated professional who understands that we all have a stake in making Massachusetts a vibrant place to call home, to run a business, to educate a child and so much more.

Because of you, the Commonwealth is strong today and getting stronger all the time. With your help, we closed harrowing budget gaps through painful but responsible cuts. We made Massachusetts number one in the nation for health care, for education, for clean energy and for veterans services. Thanks to your commitment and focus, our economy is creating jobs at a faster pace than nearly every other state. More people are at work fixing our neglected roads and bridges, strengthening our public college campuses and improving our affordable housing stock than at any point in our state's history. Our effective fiscal management has been recognized again and again by the credit rating agencies and independent economists agree that Massachusetts is on track to emerge from the global recession faster and stronger than the nation as a whole.

I believe 2011 is full of promise and opportunity for the Commonwealth. There will undoubtedly be challenges ahead that we must confront with that same blend of optimism and effort that has made Massachusetts a national leader on so many fronts. I am comforted by the fact that you stand for stepping up and giving back. I look forward to standing with you to make our vision of a vibrant Commonwealth a reality in every home and in every community.

Diane and I send our best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely,



Deval Patrick